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Wilmington Couples United In Double Ring Ceremony

At a double wedding ceremony, Miss Virginia Nicholson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Nicholson of 82 Forest street, Reading and Warren Charles Squibb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eleaver Squibb of 215 West street, Wilmington, were united in marriage on Sunday afternoon at the First Methodist church, Reading. Rev. Dr. William Gunter performed the double ring ceremony at 4 o'clock. Mrs. Ray Jewett was the organist and Miss Ruth Olive of Arlington was the soloist.

The bride wore a white satin gown, princess style, entrain, and her long veil was attached to a tiara of seed pearls. She carried a white Bible with white roses and stephanotis. Maid of honor for her sister was Miss Audrey Nicholson who wore a blue chiffon gown and carried a colonial bouquet of spring flowers. Flower girl was Miss Nancy Squibb, niece of the bridegroom. Donald M. Squibb, brother of the bridegroom, of Reading, was best man and ushers were Joseph Squibb and William Weatherbee.

At the reception held in the church vestry the bridal party was assisted by the bride's mother, who wore an orchid gown with an orchid corsage, and the mother of the bridegroom, wearing a royal blue gown with a corsage of red roses.

The guest book was in charge of Miss Audrey Nicholson. The bride is a graduate of Reading high school. The bridegroom is a graduate of the local high school with the class of '42 and is a veteran of World War II. After a wedding trip to Kentucky the couple will make their home on West street this town.

At the same ceremony, the brides sister, Miss Betty Nicholson, was united in marriage to Mr. Russel Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Carter of Reading. Miss Audrey Nicholson served as her sister's attendent.

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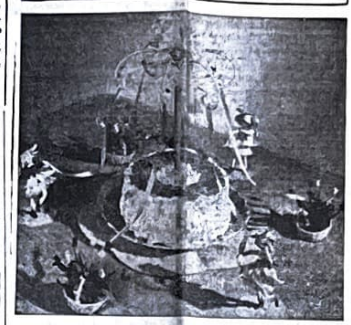
Miss Eugenia Mosack, daughter of Mrs. Lena (Mosack) Kosulkevitch, of Burlington Avenue became the bride of Mr. Albert Viens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Viens, of 33 Broadway, Haverhill, on Sunday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, at St. Thomas Church, with the pastor, Rev. George S. Brennan, officiating. Given in marriage by her stepfather, Nicholas Kosulkevitch, the bride was radiant in embroidered marquisette, princess style an train, with long veil attached to a coronet of seed pearls. She carried a white prayer book with orchids and white streamers.

Miss Olga Mosack, sister of the bride was maid of honor Bridesmaids were Miss Helen Simons of Natick, Miss Mary Keavan, cousins of the bride, and Miss Victoria Leskovitch of Boston friend of the bride. The maid of honor wore a yellow moire taffeta gown with matching headpiece of flowers and carried an arm bouquet of spring flowers. The bridesmaids were attired in blue moire taffeta with spring flowers. The bridesmaids were attired in blue moire taffeta with matching headpiece and carried arm bouquets of spring flowers.

MAYPOLE PARTY CAKE



Peaches and cream and everything nice go into the making of this springtime party cake. Around the Maypole is a ring of light and airy angel food, the sides bedecked with whipped cream, the top glistening with peach preserves. Or, if another fruit is your favorite, make the cake with whipped cream and strawberry preserves, or cherry, or pineapple, or any of the others on the long list at the grocers.

A BIT OF HEAVEN IN '47

By PAUL D. EMMONS

BEFORE LONG THE DONKEY [illegible] the other day. Meaning, WILL BRAY
THE TRUEMAN WAY IS [illegible] in the coming election.
HUMAN WAY [illegible] Well it's always human to
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Peck's Bad Boy Versus Bearcat

Jimmy Beaton, Peck's Bad Boy from Woburn will meet Gus "Bearcat" Johnson in a return match at the Blue Terrace, featuring a wrestling show, on Tuesday April 29th. Beaton gave the "Bearcat" a dubbing three weeks ago, and Gus will be out for blood.

In the semi final, Kid Lipson, the popular ex-aurman, from Columbia University will meet wild Eddie Muise, of Waltham, an up and coming contender for the light heavy crown.

The special bout will bring together Jack Schaffer, of Billerica, and Handsome Jack O'Brien, of S. B.

About the biggest one he made was when he practically endorsed the strike for higher pay by the General Motors workers about a year ago. That, in effect, touched off the wave of strikes which has been bedeviling us ever since.

Lately he has given another boost to this trend by saying that pay hikes were justified unless prices came down.

Prices of course, should come down. The inflation problem will never be solved until they do. But wage hikes will never bring them down. They simply increase the cost of production, which is one of the principal causes of high prices.

American workers, taken as a whole, are well paid. There are some sub normal wage standards, as for instance in the teaching profession, and these ought to be raised anyway. But any worker who is getting a dollar an hour or more, with time and a half for overtime, is in a condition of affluence compared to pre-war standards. The thing to do is to bring prices down to pre-war levels.

It may not be possible to do this in every case. But if an approximation to pre-war levels could be obtained in the general price level, then the country's greatest difficulty would be solved.

It is useless to raise wages with one hand, and prices with the other. This simply makes the vicious circle of inflation which destroys the value of money. A country's economy has to be stabilized in order to function properly. And everybody agrees on that fact in order to bring it about.

The great trouble in the past has been that the problem has been considered piecemeal, instead of as a unified whole. Each union leader has sought to strengthen his own position with his own particular following by getting them a wage to have on the general level of prices, and consumers' pocket books.

The consumer has had the short end of the stick right along.

And in so far as the wage earner is a consumer he has seen his wage hikes dissipated by the higher prices.

The only way to offset that—or, rather, to prevent it— is by increased production.

The agreement just concluded between the U.S. Steel Co. and its workers is a highly beneficial development, and should set a pattern for wage scales in similar brackets of industry. These wage scales should be stabilized at this level, and attention given to bringing about an increase in production which will stave off any further increase in prices.

If the profits of any producer are running so high today that it could reasonably afford to reduce prices, and hasn't done so then the force of public opinion should be brought to bear against that company to c ompel it to reduce prices.

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Local Train Schedule Will Change Sunday

Changes of from one to 15 minutes in the schedules of some of the local trains serving in both directions between Boston, West Medford, Winchester, Woburn and Wilmington are shown in the Spring and Summer time tables of the Boston and Maine Rail road made public last night. The new schedules become effective next Sunday with the advent of daylight saving time for 1947 and time tables will be available for public distribution at ticket offices of the road next Friday.

Principal among the changes affecting trains in this area are

Train now leaving North Station at 1:45 p.m. for Wilmington will, commencing next Monday, leave Boston 5 minutes earlier at 1:40 p.m. (DST)

Train now leaving Wilmington at 12:44 p.m. will leave 5 minutes earlier at 12:39 (DST) and stop at North Woburn 12:44 p.m.; Central Square 12:47; Woburn 12:50; Woburn Highlands 12:52; Cross Street 12:54; Winchester 12:57; Wedgemere 12:59; West Medford 1:03; arriving Boston 1:16 p.m.

Train now leaving Wilmington, Sundays only, at 2:45 p.m. will leave 15 minutes later at 3 p.m. (DST); stopping at Woburn 3:10; Winchester 3:16; arriving Boston 3:30 p.m. (DST)

Train now leaving Woburn at 5:47 p.m. will leave 16 minutes later at 6 p.m. (DST) stopping at Woburn Highlands 6:02; Cross Street 6:04; Winchester 6:07; Wedgemere 6:09; West Medford 6:13; arriving Boston 6:24.

The "theatre train" now leaving Wilmington at 7:07 p.m. will leave 5 minutes later at 7:12 p.m. (DST) stopping at North Woburn 7:18; Central Square 7:21; Woburn 7:24; Cross Street 7:28; Winchester 7:32; Wedgemere 7:34; West Medford 7:36; Medford Hillside 7:40, arriving Boston 7:50 p.m. (DST).

Most of the other trains have been set back one hour to conform to daylight saving time although in a few cases there are changes of a minute or two at some of the stations to conform to connection.

New Rules Set For School Bus Tickets

At the recent meeting of the school committee, the superintendent of schools, Stephen G. Bean, was instructed to withdraw bus tickets which have been issued to children above the fifth grade who do not live two miles or more from the schools that they attend. This distance is figured by the nearest group to the schools and not by the route followed by the bus, as was the previous ruling of the committee.

This action has been necessitated by the excess of bus pupils over the legal capacity of the busses. It effects chiefly certain pupils in the Silver Lake sections. The change will be effective as soon as ticket arrangements can be made, which will

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Charles Ellis and Adeline Ellis, both of Wilmington, to the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to Ruth W. Nutter, said mortgage being dated June fourth, 1942, and recorded with Middlesex Registry of Deeds, North District Book 978, Page 142, of which mortgage the undersigned is the owner, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at public auction, at two-thirty o'clock p.m., on the twelfth day of May, 1947, on the premises described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

"The land in said Wilmington bounded and described, as:

"Beginning at the northeasterly corner of said land by land now or formerly of Caleb Eaton at the road leading from Andover to Boston, thence westerly by the wall and ditch are to Lobero Brook thence southerly by said brook to Ipswich River; thence easterly by said river to the road aforesaid; thence northerly by said road to the boundary first mentioned. Containing eight acres, more or less.

"Being the same premises as is conveyed by said Ruth W. Nutter by her deed of even date to be recorded herewith.

"This conveyance is subject to mortgage held by Annie A. Attwood, recorded Book 892, Page 236, and mortgage held by U. S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Security Administration, recorded Book 927, Page 513."

The premises will be sold subject to all unpaid taxes and other municipal liens, if any there be.

Terms of Sale: $200.00 in cash will be required to be paid at the time and place of sale, the balance within thirty days thereafter. Other terms to be announced at the sale.

RUTH W. NUTTER
present holder of said mortgage
Apr. 18-25 May 2

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage given by David J. Walsh and Anna L. Walsh, his wife in her right, to Nora L. Cassil, dated December 10, 1942, duly recorded with Middlesex North District Deeds, Book 1038, Page 280, breach of the conditions therein mentioned and for the purpose of foreclosing said mortgage, will be sold at public auction on the premises hereinafter described on Wednesday, May 14, 1947 at eleven o'clock in the forenoon all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed and therein substantially described as follows:

"A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in Wilmington, being shown as Lots 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606 and 607 on a plan entitled "Plan of Silver Lake Add. Silver Lake, Wilmington, Mass., property of Suburban Land Company," dated December, 1920, and recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 62, Plan 79 being bounded and described as follows:

Northerly by Richmond street one hundred (100) feet;

Easterly by Main street, two hundred fifty (250) feet;

Southerly by Lot 507 on said plan, one hundred (100) feet;

Easterly by Lots 506 and 507 on said plan, fifty (50) feet;

Southerly by Lot 502 on said plan, eighty (80) feet;

Westerly by Lots 501, 502 and 504 on said plan, eighty (80) feet;

Northerly by Lots 504 on said plan, one hundred (100) feet.

Said lot together containing fifty (50) square feet and according to said plan.

Also another certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in said Wilmington, being shown as Lots 361, 362, 363 and 364 on said hereinabove mentioned plan made by Robert G. Mallamy, C. E., and to together containing 8,000 square feet of land, more or less, and to which plan reference may be had for a more full and particular description."

Said premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes, betterment assessments, tax titles and other municipal liens, if any such there be.

One Thousand Dollars will be required to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time of sale, the balance in and the balance in two days thereafter upon the delivery of the deed.

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WILMINGTON BOARD OF APPEALS

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Dr. Brainerd Adams, former extension editor at Cornell University, and Harry P. Hindman, publications expert of the United States Department of Agriculture's extension service.

Mr. Peet reviewed the fat salvage program's fifty-five months of operation and explained due to the world-wide shortage of fats and oils an improvement in the domestic situation is expected before the end of the year.

"Consumers in the United States could use billion pounds more fats and oils in 1947 than they had available," Wilder Bentley, manager of the committee, pointed out, adding, "At present, it looks as though only 12 percent of that amount will be supplied by the salvaging of used kitchen grease."

Guests, who also included food editors of Midwestern farm newspapers and national magazines, radio commentators and home economists from vicinity of Wayville, were welcomed by Alexander Williams, the committee's director of information. Roscoe C. Edlund, secretary-treasurer of the committee, acted as master of ceremonies.

Boston College News Flashes

Cornelius J. Scanlon of South Boston, and John J. Geary of Worcester, both Boston College Juniors, will represent University Heights at the biennial Congress of the National Federation of Catholic College Students in Toledo, Ohio, tomorrow and Saturday.

Archbishop Richard J. Cushing, D. D., will address the delegates in his capacity as Episcopal chairman of the National Catholic Youth Council.

The theme of the convention is Solidarity in the Catholic Student Community and the main task of the student representatives will be to draw a new constitution to promote a community of interests in the Catholic students.

IMPERFECT LADY

Ray Milland and Teresa Wright are costarred in "The Imperfect Lady", a romantic melodrama that opens tomorrow at the Metropolitan.

The co-feature will be Columbia's "For the Love Of Rusty", with Ted Donaldson, Tom Powers, and Ann Doran.

Besides Milland and Miss Wright, the cast of "The Imperfect Lady" includes, such well known names as Sir Cedric Hardwicke, Virginia Field, Arthur Quinn, Reginald Owen, and Melville Cooper.

The film is the story of a woman with a past, and deals with the conflict that arises within her when she must make a choice between revealing her secret or keeping silent. Miss Wright plays the title role, that of a professional dancer who marries Ray Milland, against the opposition of his elder

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We can almost hear a shriek of "SWEAT" after we tell you that you are paying less today for railroad fares than you paid in 1924. That's true, however, for railroad coach fares back in 1924 were 3.6c per mile. Today they are generally 2.5c per mile.

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ONE INCOME SOURCE

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"MAKING MILLIONS"?

There are those who apparently believe that railroads have been enjoying some lush years, with profits rolling in. We'd like to state the facts. Last year the Boston and Maine Railroad earned only 1.3% on the investment in the road's property—not even enough to pay anything to its owners, the stockholders.

The railroad beltustry of the country as a whole in 1946 earned only about 2.75% on its property investment. The largest rate of return which the railroad industry has been able to earn in any one year since 1936 was only 4.50% in 1942 and that rate of return has been dropping every year since then. Hardly "making millions" is it? We must have a return of 6% on investment to maintain a sound railroad and to keep service at a proper standard.

STILL A BARGAIN!

With the small advance in fares which we are seeking, railroad transportation will still be the best buy in travel. We want to continue to improve and modernize our service. A modern deluxe passenger coach today costs $90,000. A modern commuter coach (without air conditioning) today costs between $50,000 and $60,000. In 1924 we could buy a deluxe coach for about $22,000 and a commuter coach for around $18,000.

We cannot hope to even continue our present amount or standard of service at present rates of fare. Need for an immediate increase has been forced on us by mounting costs over which we have no control.

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BOSTON and MAINE RAILROAD
"THE MAN SERVICE"

Bus Fares Go Up Commencing On May 4th

FIRST GENERAL BOOST IN EASTERN MASS IN 27 YEARS

The Board of Public Trustees of the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Company announced on Monday that an increase in fares averaging 1¢ per cent, the general fare rise on the system in 27 years, would be placed in effect on Sunday, May 4.

Major changes in the current rate schedule, Board Chairman John L. Donovan asserted, will be the raising of the present 5-cent local zone fare to four rides for 25 cents and increasing weekly zone prices from $1 to $1.25. No increase will be made in the 10-cent local fare nor in the 5-cent school children's rate.

In announcing the new fare policy the Chairman said "We make this increase with great reluctance and we hope that our riding public will understand that the fare rise is absolutely necessary in order to continue improvement of our service to purchase new buses as soon as possible, and to comply with Section 1 of the Public Control Act under which the Eastern Mass. operates and which directs the Trustees to fix such rates and fares as in their judgement will produce sufficient income to meet the cost of service.

"Just as in the case of food, clothing and household goods, prices of new buses and all other equipment and services have increased tremendously increased in recent years. Labor costs, adjusted upward to meet the higher cost of living, have also made it necessary for operating revenue. Whereas in the first five months of 1946 the base pay for our operators was 97 cents per hour, it has been $1.28 since last June. All other employees except salaried executives were also granted similar increases.

"In addition, the company is now giving its riding public 121-2 per cent more service than was the case a year ago. Hundreds of new buses will be required to continue this service. The company has reached its borrowing limit of two million dollars for new equipment and a request for permission to borrow dollars for new equipment and one-half million dollars for new garages is now pending before the Department of Public Utilities. No further borrowing for the new buses will be possible and the entire three and one-half million dollars have to be repaid in the next six years.

"The increases in 1946 were the first steps we took to provide the first five months of the year. Since the lower rate for operators prevailed. However since 1941 the cost of living has increased 50 per cent and in effect, this increase has failed to keep pace increased cost of operations.

"Other factors contributing to the 1946 deficits were profits totalling $80,000 from sources other than operations. An important item in this total was the sale of old lines which had been written off for tax purposes. The market for used buses has now disappeared and in effect, this $350,000 of income will not recur.

"Addition of the $1.00 weekly pass was also considered by the Trustees since this is the trend in the transit business. However it was decided that the public is entitled to such a pass and that an increase to $1.25 would be reasonable. Most transit companies which sell weekly passes are selling them for $1.50.

"The trustees feel that the public is entitled to and is willing to pay for good transportation service and one's comfortable buses. We have only one source of revenue and when we operate at a loss our only alternative is to increase fares.

"The best proof that the Eastern Mass. has striven to provide good service at lowest possible fares is contained in our annual report which shows a deficit of $18,174,838.36 accrued over the years of public control. Very few systems have been able to operate under this handicap."

We're Sorry . . . but
IT'S GOT TO BE DONE

FARES MUST BE RAISED
IF OUR COMPANY IS TO CONTINUE
TO SERVE YOU ADEQUATELY

Passenger fares are practically our only source of revenue. We receive no subsidies from any governmental agency. Our operating losses are not paid by taxes on the cities and towns we serve. In other words, like any business organization, we must stand on our own feet and pay our own way.

The last five years have seen a steady increase in the costs of commodities and services. Practically everything you eat, wear, or do, costs you more than it did before Pearl Harbor. Yet, by straining every resource, we have faced a stupendous rise in operating costs without previously asking for an increase in fares. In fact, there has been no general fare increase on the Eastern Massachusetts since 1920 . . . twenty-seven years ago!

In recent months it has become more and more evident that fares would have to be raised. It all boils down to these facts, which we must face:

WE MUST HAVE MORE INCOME IF WE ARE TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE WITHOUT EXCESSIVE LOSS.
WE MUST HAVE MORE INCOME IF WE ARE TO BUY NEW BUSES AND EQUIPMENT.
WE MUST HAVE MORE INCOME IF WE ARE TO GIVE YOU BETTER SERVICE.

And here are a few reasons why!

WAGE INCREASES The Union contract under which we are now operating, provided increases for our operating and mechanical forces. A corresponding upward adjustment was also made for office and non-operating personnel. These wage increases are costing the Company over $2,000,000 additional per year.

Fares must be increased to meet this additional expense.

NEW BUSES The Company now operates 896 buses. Many of our older buses have been in service nine years or more, and have traveled over a half million miles each. These are being replaced as fast as is practicable. 164 new buses were delivered in 1946. 200 new buses are now on order. Some of the new coaches have cost us as much as $22,000. New buses which cost us $11,100 before the war, now cost us $18,700.

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BORROWED MONEY Rolling stock and equipment cannot be purchased from cash on hand. Conservatively, a passenger coach today costs $90,000. A modern commuter coach (without air conditioning) today costs between $50,000 and $60,000. In 1924 we could buy a deluxe coach for about $22,000 and a commuter coach for around $18,000.

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OPERATING COSTS climbed from $6,000,000 in 1941 to $11,300,000 in 1946 . . . and they're still on the way up. To be sure, because of heavy wartime riding, our income showed a steady increase during those years. However, with private automobile traffic increasing and a plentiful supply of gasoline, it is apparent that the peak has passed. While our operating expenses this year have increased by 20%, our income has shown a steady decrease. We have shown a loss for our operations during the first quarter of 1947.

Fares must be increased to meet these losses.

INCREASED SERVICE To provide improved service in this post-war period, we have not only purchased new buses, but have added new routes and stepped up the frequency of service on others. We are operating more buses and more miles of service. Yet, while mileage has increased 12.5%, our income per mile has decreased 12.5%.

Fares must be increased to meet increased costs of service.

FINANCIAL CONDITION By every device of careful management, the Company is attempting to keep expenses down while providing adequate service. Yet, over the years, the cost of service has exceeded income to the point where we now have a deficit of $18,700,000.

An increase in fares provides the only solution.

This Company is under State control, and the law directs the Public Trustees to establish a rate of fare which will meet the costs of service. We have postponed action as long as possible. We have provided service without a general fare increase in twenty-seven years. But the change is forced upon us, and we must have more income if we are to serve you better in the future.

The coming increase has been kept as moderate as possible. Over the entire fare structure it will average less than 15%. We most regretfully announce that some cash and ticket fares will be increased effective Sunday, May 4, 1947. The details of this change will appear at a later date in your local newspapers.

The Public Trustees of the
Eastern Massachusetts STREET RAILWAY CO.
Serving 79 Communities

Facts Involved In Increase

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BETTER TRAINING OF EYES FOR READING IS URGED

Relatively few American know how to read easily and quickly because their eyes have been trained improperly, says the Better Vision Institute. In the early grades of school the children are taught to read orally and the teachers listens to see if each word is pronounced correctly. This process trains the eye to see only one word at a time, and as a result it slows the average person. Also, because down by half the reading speed of It narrows the visual span for each forming, the delicate eye muscles must perform twice as much work in reading a printed page.

In reading the eye sweeps across a line of type in a series of jumps focusing on the type at successive points. Our eyes should be able to take in the average line of type with three fixations, but actually most persons must focus their eyes six or eight times in and go slowly down reading and reading the line. This extra stops tends to make the task uncomfortable.

Many colleges are studying the problem of better visual training developed which it is believed, for reading. Methods are being will improve future reading habits. Experiments indicate that reading becomes more comfortable and faculties are reduced to a minprofitable when the opthalmic diminum.

Salvation Army Prepares For Annual Nation-Wide Prison Sunday

The ...ty-first annual Salvation Army Prison Sunday will be observed April 27 in more than 1,200 penal institutions throughout the United States, according to an announcement made today by Salvation Army National Headquarters in New York City.

Two hundred thousand inmates of Federal and State prisons, County jails, State farms, reformatories, boys and girl's training schools, military prisons, workhouses, and hospitals for the criminally insane will participate in the services, which annually highlight the Army's extensive program for the "conversion of men."

Prison work of theSalvation Army in this country had its birth in a small "prison-gate" home in Hartford, Connecticut, in 1880, where newly-released prisoners were helped to readjust themselves to normal life and to take a useful productive place in society. From these humble beginnings, The Salvation Army has developed it extensive program of year around work inside prison walls, which includes evangelical meetings, song services, distribution of literature, personal visits, band concerts and a correspondence course in Bible study.

HELPS FAMILY

In addition to this work, The Salvation Army undertakes to care for the less fortunate families of prisoners, providing special holiday gifts. Christmas baskets or checks, toys and clothing, counseling service, and a systematic fronts" is designed to guarantee the prisoner not only freedom from the past, but also hope for the future.

oday, 62 years after its inauguration of prison work in the United States, he Salvation Army is universally regarded as a semi-official adjunct of the penal system of the country, and its program behind prison bars is not limited by penal institutions.

In prison, The Salvation Army works unremittingly to develop the prisoner's eligibility for parole by encouraging good conduct, the uplifting of moral standards, and an attitude of cooperation toward group activity.

Services For Donald F. White

Services were held on Monday April 14th, from the McMahon Funeral Home, for the infant son of John and Gertrude (Venn) White, of this town. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery, in Woburn.

The baby, Donald Francis, was born January 30, 1947 and died at St. John's Hospital Lowell April 11th, the victim of pneumonia. In addition to his parents the child is survived by four sisters and two brothers.

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